

Tuesday, September 2, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8631–S8676

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1140 and 1141 and S. Res. 117. Page S8668

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Reported on Tuesday, August 19, during the adjournment:

S. 1139, to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration. (S. Rept. No. 105–62)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Oversight Activities During the 104th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 105–63)

Reported today:

S. 308, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–64)

S. 542, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *FAR HORIZONS*. (S. Rept. No. 105–65)

S. 662, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *VORTICE*, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–66)

S. 880, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *DUSKEN IV*, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–67)

S. 931, to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center. (S. Rept. No. 105–68)

S. 965, to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein. (S. Rept. No. 105–69)

H.R. 63, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as “Trinity Lake”. (S. Rept. No. 105–70)

Report to accompany S. 871, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System, and to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust. (S. Rept. No. 105–71)

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Measures Passed:

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 117, congratulating the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and commending the many men and women of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service who have served the Nation’s labor-management community and the American people. Page S8674

Passage Vitiating:

International Dolphin Conservation Program: Senate vitiated passage of S. 39, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, as passed by the Senate on Wednesday, July 30, 1997, and the bill was indefinitely postponed. Page S8674

Labor/HHS Appropriations, 1998: Senate began consideration of S. 1061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Kyl Amendment No. 1056, to increase funding for Federal Pell Grants, with an offset from fiscal year 1998 funding for low-income home energy assistance. Pages S8646–48, S8650–51

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 3, 1997.

Agriculture Appropriations, 1998: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 1057, to provide funding for activities of the Food and Drug Administration relating to the prevention of tobacco use by youth.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 3, 1997.

Executive Report of a Committee: The Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Received on Tuesday, August 19, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate: Treaty Doc. No. 105–3, U.S.-Hong Kong Extradition Treaty, with two understandings, two declarations, and one proviso. (Ex. Rept. No. 105–2)

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Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Senators Burns, Campbell, Snowe, and Abraham.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Received on Monday, August 11, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate:

Transmitting the report concerning the cancellation of limited tax benefits; which was referred jointly, pursuant to Public Law 93–344 as amended, to the Committee on the Budget and to the Committee on Finance. (PM–60).

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Transmitting the report concerning new direct spending; which was referred jointly, pursuant to Public Law 93–344 as amended, to the Committee on the Budget and to the Committee on Finance. (PM–61).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sally Thompson, of Kansas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture.

Richard F. Keevey, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Eva M. Plaza, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

F. Amanda DeBusk, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

John Arthur Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2000.

William Clyburn, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2000.

Katherine Milner Anderson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2000.

Michael Telson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

Dan Reicher, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy).

Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation).

Cardell Cooper, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

Margaret Ann Hamburg, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Scott E. Thomas, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2003.

Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 29, 2002.

Cheryl F. Halpern, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 1999.

Barbara K. Bodine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

Carolyn Curiel, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Paula Dobriansky, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission of Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 1998.

Thomas J. Dodd, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Nancy H. Rubin, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Lange Schermerhorn, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Brenda Schoonover, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Togo.

Espiridion A. Borrego, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

Jacques Gansler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

Thomas S. Foley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Japan.

Hiram Arthur Conteras, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas.

Douglas S. Eakeley, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

Charles N. Jeffress, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

G. Douglas Jones, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama.

Patricia Watkins Lattimore, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Victor Marrero, of New York, to be the Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Kenneth Ray McFerran, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas.

Charles Vincent Serio, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Thomas J. Umberg, of California, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Johnny Young, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain.

Anita M. Josey, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

John M. Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Jane G. Gould, of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security.

Richard J. Griffin, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Tadd Johnson, of Minnesota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Gail W. Laster, of New York, to be General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Jeanette C. Takamura, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services.

Julia Taft, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Kirk K. Robertson, of Virginia, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

21 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

17 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 4:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 3, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S8674-75.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 3.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D839)

H.J. Res. 90, waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to two specified bills of the One Hundred Fifth Congress. Signed August 1, 1997. (P.L. 105-32)

H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998. Signed August 5, 1997. (P.L. 105-33)

H.R. 2014, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998. Signed August 5, 1997. (P.L. 105-34)

H.R. 1226, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the unauthorized inspection of tax returns or tax return information. Signed August 5, 1997. (P.L. 105-35)

H.R. 709, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992. Signed August 5, 1997. (P.L. 105-36)

S. 430, to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made. Signed August 7, 1997. (P.L. 105-37)

S. 670, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States. Signed August 8, 1997. (P.L. 105-38)

H.R. 1198, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Grants Pass, Oregon. Signed August 8, 1997. (P.L. 105-39)

H.R. 1944, to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon Ski Area and other land in the State of Oregon. Signed August 11, 1997. (P.L. 105-40)

H.R. 1585, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United

States postage stamps. Signed August 13, 1997. (P.L. 105-41)

H.R. 408, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. Signed August 15, 1997. (P.L. 105-42)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 3 through 6, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1061, Labor/HHS Appropriations, 1998, and H.R. 2160, Agriculture Appropriations, 1998.

During the week, Senate may begin consideration of S. 830, Food and Drug Administration Modernization and Accountability Act, or consider H.R. 2107, Interior Appropriations, 1998.

Senate may also consider any cleared legislative and executive business, and conference reports when available.

(Senate will recess on *Wednesday, September 3, 1997* from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 4, to hold hearings to examine rural and agricultural credit issues, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 4, to hold hearings on S. 8, authorizing funds through fiscal year 2002 for programs of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 4, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Cambodia, 9 a.m., SD-419.

September 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Peter L. Scher, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Trade Negotiator, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 4 and 5, to resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 3, to hold hearings to examine the legal regulations governing Union violence, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

September 3, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine encryption issues, focusing on the security needs of business and industry, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine copyright infringement liability of on-line and internet service providers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 4, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to review the judicial allocations for the Second and Eighth Circuit Courts of Appeal, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: September 3, to hold hearings to examine the implications of the recent Global Tobacco settlement, 10 a.m., SD-430.

House Chamber

Monday, The House was not in session.

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Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Consideration of H.R. 2159, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (modified open rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 2264, Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Act for FY 98 (open rule).

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, September 4, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on D.C. Public Schools, 11 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, September 4, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Operation of the Superfund Program, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 4, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electricity: Innovation and Competition, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, September 3, hearing on Teachers: Helping America to Read, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, September 4, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up H.R. 1962, Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1997, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 4, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on proposals for Electoral College Reform: H.J. Res. 28, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the Electoral College and to provide for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States; and H.J. Res. 43, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the Electoral College and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, September 4, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Small Business Technology Transfer Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 4, Subcommittee on Benefits, to mark up H.R. 2367, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 3, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on the Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office (DARO), 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: September 5, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for August, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.
The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 7 through August 31, 1997

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	107	92	..
Time in session	760 hrs., 11'	635 hrs., 31'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	8629	6716	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1628	..
Public bills enacted into law	8	34	..
Private bills enacted into law	1	1	..
Bills in conference	6	8	..
Measures passed, total	182	294	..
Senate bills	44	8	..
House bills	44	129	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	2	..
House joint resolutions	5	8	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	12	7	..
House concurrent resolutions	14	31	..
Simple resolutions	59	109	..
Measures reported, total	*118	*229	..
Senate bills	66	1	..
House bills	8	151	..
Senate joint resolutions	2	1	..
House joint resolutions	1	7	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	9	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	7	..
Simple resolutions	32	62	..
Special reports	14	7	..
Conference reports .....	..	4	..
Measures pending on calendar	62	36	..
Measures introduced, total	1340	2828	..
Bills	1139	2378	..
Joint resolutions	36	93	..
Concurrent resolutions	49	141	..
Simple resolutions	116	216	..
Quorum calls	3	4	..
Yea-and-nay votes	211	148	..
Recorded votes .....	..	199	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	1	..
Veto overriden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 7 through August 31, 1997

Civilian nominations totaling 301, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	146
Unconfirmed	152
Withdrawn	3

Civilian nominations (FS, PHS, CG, NOAA), totaling 1,773, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	1,772
Unconfirmed	1

Air Force nominations, totaling 4,100, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	3,971
Unconfirmed	129

Army nominations, totaling 2,952, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	2,687
Unconfirmed	265

Navy nominations, totaling 2,139, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	2,127
Unconfirmed	12

Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,670, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	1,668
Unconfirmed	2

Summary

Total nominations received	12,935
Total confirmed	12,371
Total unconfirmed	561
Total withdrawn	3

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 62 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 14 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2160, Agriculture Appropriations, 1998, and resume consideration of S. 1061, Labor/HHS Appropriations, 1998.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Wednesday, September 3

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2159, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (modified open rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 2264, Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Act for FY 98 (open rule).

The House meets at 12:00 noon for legislative business. No votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.



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